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## **NEWSLETTER/NOTICIAS**

Website: [www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic](http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic)

**The newsletter is issued on a quarterly basis. Our objective is to keep members of the BNL community informed of Club activities, cultural events and other news. We sincerely hope you enjoy reading the information provided.**

## **Elections 2007**

Members of the HHC are seeking candidates for the following board positions: president, vice president, secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

The candidates must be Club members and be familiar with the organization's constitution and bylaws and be aware of goals related to the organization's membership and fundraising activities. To access above information go to:

[www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic](http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic)

To announce the candidates, a general meeting is scheduled for Friday, 1/19th. Elections will take place Monday, 1/29<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that in order to vote, the participant must be a Club member. A ballot vote is planned for the event. Elected officers will take their new positions, Thursday, 2/1<sup>st</sup>. See calendar for details. Elected officers will hold their positions for a one year term and can be re-elected to a second term.

If you would like to nominate someone or to nominate yourself as a candidate for a board position, or for more details, please contact chairperson for the Nominating Committee, April Gray at: [gray@bnl.gov](mailto:gray@bnl.gov).

## **Executive Board Duties**

In 2002, members of the Executive Board created the "HHC Bylaws" then made the document official to the organization. The document is used by board members as a guide to conduct the organization's business. It can also be viewed by anyone who wants to become familiar with the Club's structure. See the following example:

### **HHC Bylaws, Article II "Duties of the Executive Board"**

1. Formulate the policies, rules and regulations of the club to conform to the Constitution and the Bylaws
2. Conform or reject appointment made by the president
3. Prepare an annual budget for the Club
4. Attend to all business not otherwise specified in the Constitution or the Bylaws
5. Responsible for calling meetings
6. Activities and events shall be subject to review by the Executive Board

To access Club documents, go to:

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## HISPANIC HERITAGE CLUB NEWSLETTER/NOTICIAS

### **NEW! Hispanic Heritage Club Academic Scholarships**

In 2007, for the first time, BNL's Hispanic Heritage Club (HHC) will grant three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a science or engineering degree.

To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with some degree of Hispanic ancestry, and who attend Longwood, Riverhead, or William Floyd high schools. The applicants also must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and be accepted by a college for fall 2007 classes with the goal of obtaining a degree in science or engineering. The application deadline is March 30, 2007. The application form can be downloaded from [www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic](http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/hispanic). The winners will be announced on April 30, 2007.

Founded at BNL in 2001 as part of the Brookhaven Employees Recreation Association, the HHC currently has about 30 members. The club is committed to supporting the educational achievements of Hispanic students. The new scholarships are funded by proceeds from ticket sales of events sponsored by the HHC in the past. Originally, two scholarships were planned, but due to the success of the Santana tribute concert last October, funds became available for a third scholarship.

### **Successful Fundraiser**

On October 14, 2006, the HHC invited the Latin-Rock group "Milagro" to perform the music of Carlos Santana and Tito Puente in Berkner Hall. The group received a standing ovation for an outstanding performance. Proceeds earned from this event, supported in part by the BNL Music Club and by the Diversity Office, will go to the HHC Scholarship program. This successful event will provide funds for scholarship awards in 2007 and in 2008.

**\*Thank You Volunteers and Friends\*  
Santana Tribute Concert**

### **Membership**

The BERA-sponsored HHC invites all Laboratory employees, retirees and their immediate families to become members. The HHC seeks to develop a stimulating and supportive network for all. Our goal is to develop activities and cultural events that bring an awareness and aesthetic appreciation of Hispanic Culture to the Laboratory's community.

Membership fees are \$10 with renewals due in May of each year.

To join the Club, please send a check payable to "BERA Hispanic Heritage Club" with a completed registration form (form attached) to Carmen Narvaez, Bldg. 422. Proceeds from membership dues support special events such as the scholarship program.

### ***Common Spanish Travel Phrases***

*Tren* - Train

*Boleto* - Ticket

*Ida y Vuelta* - Round Trip

*No Fumar* - No Smoking

### **El Dia De Los Reyes**

(Day of the Kings)

"Three Kings Day" January 6<sup>th</sup> is a traditional celebration and has been the original day of gift giving by the traditional Hispanic Community. "El Museo Del Barrio" has an annual parade on January 6<sup>th</sup> down "Museum Row," starts at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue from the steps of the museum in celebration of the Holiday.

[www.elmuseo.org](http://www.elmuseo.org)

## **Calendar of Events 2007**

### **General Meeting**

Friday, 1/19th

12:00 noon

Berkner Hall, Room D

### **AGENDA:**

Nominating Committee announces candidates for board positions

### **Elections**

Monday, 1/29<sup>th</sup>

12:00 noon

Berkner Hall, Room D

Ballot Vote

### **Officers Begin New Terms**

Thursday, 2/1<sup>st</sup>

The BERA-sponsored Hispanic Heritage Club at Brookhaven National Laboratory invites all Laboratory employees and their immediate families to become members. The Hispanic Heritage Club seeks to develop a stimulating and supportive network for all. Our goal is to develop activities and cultural events that bring an awareness and aesthetic appreciation of Hispanic Culture to the Laboratory's community. Please print the application, fill it in and return it to Carmen Narvaez, bldg 422, ext. 3254, e-mail: [narvaez@bnl.gov](mailto:narvaez@bnl.gov).

## BERA Hispanic Heritage Club

### Membership Application

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail:

Department:

Telephone:

Date:

Please Check:

- ☐ New Member  
☐ Renewal  
☐ 1 year \$10

Please make checks payable to ***BERA Hispanic Heritage Club***

Join a committee:

- ☐ Nominating    ☐ Special Events    ☐ Social Events

Send membership materials to *Carmen Narvaez, Bldg 422*

Ext. 3254, e-mail: [narvaez@bnl.gov](mailto:narvaez@bnl.gov).

*Thank You!*